



FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

*No matter who you are, or
where you are on life's journey,
you are welcome here!*

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UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Welcome to your spiritual home! We celebrate being a Just Peace making, Green for care of Creation, WISE (Welcoming, Inclusive, Supportive and Engaged) for mental health church with an Open and Affirming covenant supporting the LGBTQAAI+ community since 1994.

We welcome first time guests and include **all ages** in our worship service. We believe we are called by Jesus to be a transforming presence for God in the world. We are a place to **belong**, a place to **heal** and a place to **love**. **At First Congregational we recognize God as a loving, creating, all-encompassing Spirit who is not limited by usual human boundaries. Therefore, we practice the use of inclusive, expansive, and non-gendered language when speaking of and to God.**

Pastoral Care: Pastor Sarah may be reached at (386) 478-9012 or pastorsarah@fcindy.org.

We celebrate our church staff:

Senior Pastor, Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund
Pastoral Care Associate, Pastor Carol Sowle
Office Administrator, Shannon Abbott
Music Designer/Organist, Sean Baker
Student Pastor, Cassidy Hall
Just Peace Intern, David Clark

We celebrate our church leadership:

Larry Eckel, Moderator
Rev. Dr. Pat Larracey, Clerk
Jim Lootens, Treasurer
Cheryl Dillenback, Financial Secretary

We celebrate our worship leaders today:

Mayflower Quartette
Liturgists - Aniseh Hodges and Katie Booth

FEBRUARY 28, 2021

11:00 A.M.

PRELUDE	Lead Us from Death to Life	Haugen., arr. Baker
INTROIT	This Is a Day of New Beginnings	Mayflower Quartette
WELCOME and OPENING PRAYER		Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund
LITANY		Aniseh Hodges and Katie Booth
LITANY RESPONSE		Mayflower Quartette
OPENING SONG #575	O for a World (vs. 1,2,3)	<i>New Century Hymnal</i>
THE PEACE		David Clark

Share with those around you a sign of Christ's peace.

WE PROCLAIM

SCRIPTURE	Psalm 22:23-31	Aniseh Hodges Katie Booth
SCRIPTURE RESPONSE		Mayflower Quartette
SERMON	"It's A New Day for the Poor"	Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund
SONG #581	Lead Us From Death to Life	<i>New Century Hymnal</i>

WE RESPOND

SHARING of JOYS and CONCERNS
We invite those who desire to share a joy or concern.

INTERLUDE

Just As I Am

PASTORAL PRAYER & PRAYER OF OUR SAVIOR (from UCC Book of Worship)
Our God in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

PRAYER RESPONSE

Mayflower Quartette

WE GO

CLOSING SONG #575

O for a World (vs. 4,5)

New Century Hymnal

BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

BENEDICTION RESPONSE Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

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POSTLUDE

How Great Thou Art

Following worship, everyone is invited for Coffee Hour via Zoom.

CALLS to SERVE

"Here am I; send me!" Isaiah 6:8

TODAY! Coffee Hour, immediately after worship on Zoom

Lenten Devotionals - There is a Lenten Devotional for each family to pick up at the church. If you need your devotional delivered or mailed to your home, please email Shannon at shannon@fcindy.org.

Southeast Association Virtual Lenten Series: Highlighting and Celebrating our Chaplains

When: Saturdays from 10-11AM (2/27, 3/13, 3/20)

What: Stories from active chaplains serving in ministry, questions and answers, and time for community prayers

Why: To Build Community in the Southeast Association as we seek to love and serve like Jesus

Who: Everyone from the Southeast Association is invited to join us

Where: On the Indiana-Kentucky Zoom Link

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81305889617?pwd=dVNMTXRpdE12M0IRcDREcUJDVxQT09>

Meeting ID: 813 0588 9617 Passcode: 661797

Zoom Vespers on Tuesdays from 7:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Join us on Zoom for a time of togetherness, Scripture, and sharing of joys and concerns.

Soul Care with Pastor Sarah via Zoom- Join us after Zoom Vespers on **Tuesdays at 7:30p.m.** Simply stick around after vespers for a time to check-in and to pray together.

Spiritual Support Group, Thursdays at 5:00pm (Zoom) – This group openly invites anyone seeking spiritual care concerning well being. Contact Pat Larracey at plainandfancy1963@att.net, or 317-625-6801, or Pastor Sarah at pastorsarah@fcindy.org, or 386-478-9012.

Lenten Lunch & Learn (Zoom) – Wednesdays from 12-1pm (2/17 – 3/31)
Join us for a seven week study as we explore “A New Day” with poet Sonia Sanchez. You are welcome to join to eat your lunch and listen as we gather to learn from videos of Sonia and others from The Katie Geneva Cannon Center for Womanist Leadership. Questions? Email Student Pastor Cassidy Hall at studentpastor@fcindy.org

Publications - Bulletins, Sermons, Epistles, and Colony are all available on our website: www.fcindy.org

Continue Your Support of First Congregational UCC - Please continue supporting the mission and ministries of your local church by mailing your check to the church or through online giving at <http://www.fcindy.org/online-giving/>

Members In Need Fund - The Members In Need Fund is available to support financial needs for any of our church family who find themselves in need. To request funds for you or your family, please contact Pastor Sarah by email pastorsarah@fcindy.org or cell (386) 478-9012.

National Suicide Prevention Hotline: 1-800-273-TALK (8255) (press 1 for veterans, 2 for Spanish)

National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Information HelpLine provides information and referral services. 1-800-950-NAMI (6264) and www.nami.org.

The Trevor Project hotline offers support for LGBTQIA+ youth and families struggling with mental health challenges at 1-866-4-U-TREVOR (488-7386) and www.theTrevorProject.org

This Week at First Congregational

Sunday, Feb 28	9:30 a.m.	Sunday Adult Class
Sunday, Feb 28	11:00 a.m.	Sunday Worship (YouTube, FB, Dial In)
Sunday, Feb 28	12:00 p.m.	Zoom Coffee Hour
Tuesday, March 2	7:00 p.m.	Zoom Vespers
Tuesday, March 2	7:30 p.m.	Soul Care with Pastor Sarah
Wednesday, March 3	12:00 p.m.	Lenten Lunch & Learn
Wednesday, March 3	7:00 p.m.	Trustees
Thursday, March 4	5:00 p.m.	Spiritual Support Group
Saturday, March 6	10:00 a.m.	Food Drive (at FC)
Saturday, March 6	10:00 a.m.	SE Association Virtual Lenten Series
Sunday, March 7	9:30 a.m.	Sunday Adult Class
Sunday, March 7	11:00 a.m.	Sunday Worship with Student Pastor Cassidy Hall preaching (YouTube, FB, Dial In)
Sunday, March 7	12:00 p.m.	Zoom Coffee Hour
Sunday, March 7	12:30 p.m.	Special Congregational Meeting

***All events are on Zoom unless indicated otherwise.**

How to Access our Zoom Gatherings

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/9264494206?pwd=dmtWbWE5UXRBtk5pcHZlYlB0aEFVUT09> Meeting ID: 926 449 4206 Password: 7171

If you click on the URL, you should not need to enter in the Meeting ID and Password.

To dial in by phone: +1 312 626 6799, Meeting ID 926 449 4206, Password 7171.

Today's Scripture

Psalm 22:23-31

²³ “You who worship YHWH, give praise!
Daughters of Leah, daughters of Rachel, glorify
YHWH!

Sons of Jacob, fall down and worship!

²⁴ For God has not despised—not disdained—
the suffering of those in pain!

God didn't hide
but answered them when they cried for help!”

²⁵ You are the theme of my praise in the Great
Assembly,
and I will fulfill my vows in the presence of your
worshippers.

²⁶ Those who are poor will eat and be satisfied,
those who seek you will give you praise—
long life to their hearts!

²⁷ The whole earth, from one end to the other,
will remember and come back to you;
all the families of the nations will bow down to you.

²⁸ For yours is the kingdom,
you Ruler of nations!

²⁹ Those who had feasted and devoured the poor—
now they'll bow down;
the most affluent in the land
will kneel before you. They all go down to the dust
and none can keep themselves alive.

³⁰ But my children will be faithful to you,
and they will be told about YHWH

for generations to come.

³¹ They will come and proclaim your justice

to a people yet unborn:

“All this YHWH has done!”

Priests for Equality. *The Inclusive Bible* (pp. 1273-1274). Sheed & Ward. Kindle Edition.



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